

**Brentwood Planning Board  
Minutes –September 17, 2015**

Members Present:	Bruce Stevens, Chairman	Kevin Johnston, Vice-Chair
	Steve Hamilton	Mark Kennedy
	Jane Byrne, BOS Rep	Glenn Greenwood, Circuit Rider Planner

Chairman Stevens opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Continued Hearing: Amendment to a Previously Approved Site Plan: Sig Sauer – tax map 202 lot 7, & map 203 lots 18, 19**

Frank Kuhn from Air and Noise Compliance was present on behalf of the applicant this evening. There were no abutters present for this hearing. Members have a copy of the report from the sound study that Kuhn had done for Sig Sauer and he said this report is consistent with any other noise study, and the conclusion was that the noise does not exceed the 65 decibels. He said he was asked to do the measurement from the edge of Sig Sauer property, which would be next to the highway and near the berm Sig has there, and this would create a false reading, so the readings were taken from the end of the Sanborn Way cul-de-sac. Byrne said the measurement was not taken at the Sig Sauer property line, so they don't know how much it changes further away. Kuhn said he knows where he can get the quietest or the loudest and the most representative readings. He said his data will show that the highway is a dominant noise contributor, a noise barrier, as is the berm and measuring at the property line would put him in a "shadow zone". He said this proposed building is located deeper in the woods, further from Brentwood, and will have a roof over it, saying if they don't built this, and it will be noisier. He said this project is not going to increase the noise.

Greenwood said that the PB uses the property line, because as a regulator of a site plan, the ability look at what their impact is at the furthest extent of their property, that is the Planning Board's responsibility. He said the PB has to insure, for abutters, that they know what the impact is at the extent of that commercial property's boundary, in order to know whether the regulations are being met. Kuhn said he can measure at the property line, but professionally, he would not do that, it said it won't always work. He said that Sig Sauer asked him to measure at their property line and he said that would be an erroneous report, this is a public document, and would have to focus on how inappropriate that location is. Stevens said they may have to engage another firm for a peer review of the report, and asked how can they get to the point where the PB feels comfortable that they have researched this enough, that they have talked to at least one other person, and Byrne said all they need is the reading at the property line, as stated in the regulations. Kennedy suggests Kuhn do measurements at the property line as the ordinance states, and the PB can make their determination from there. He said they should know what is being fired and where it is fired from, and the time. Hamilton said the study needs to include the loudest weapon on that site. Kuhn said that is not reflective of average conditions.

Motion made by Byrne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hamilton to continue the hearing to October 1<sup>st</sup>, and said the PB wants a sound study at the Sig property line, as the regulations require. Byrne said they want to know what fire arms are being used during the study. Kuhn suggests that he write this up, with a map that shows the ranges , and the weapons to be used, and he will give the PB a letter saying this is what is going to be done, not talking about the loudest weapon but the frequency and loudness, and provide the sound levels documented. The motion carried. Kuhn thanked the Board.

**Board Business**

Danna Truslow was present to review her recommendations for the Shoreland Protection ordinances, and an updated Wetland Ordinance proposal. She suggested that when plans are submitted that the shoreline be part of the surveyed plan. Greenwood said he is not sure if they are taken from the USGS, or actually surveyed. St. Hilaire will research approved plans for Truslow, to clarify this.

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The Board agreed to hold a work session On October 1 at 7:45 to discuss the Wetland Ordinance proposals, and Truslow will be at our October 15 meeting. Stevens thanked Truslow for her work this evening.

Motion made by Byre, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hamilton to approve the September 3 minutes: all were in favor.

The Board is in receipt of a request for a 120-day to the Conditional Approval for Eric Lambert, (tax map 209.066).

Motion made by Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Byrne to grant the request: all were in favor.

The PB has received a request from Boxford-Winthrop (tax map 201.003) for the final release of their bond in the amount of \$26,410.50. Town Engineer Steve Cummings inspected the site and provided his recommendation for this release.

Motion made by Byrne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hamilton to release the balance of the bond: all were in favor.

Motion made by Johnston, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Byrne to adjourn at 9:05: all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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